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SUBJECT: CERRO PRESS RELEASE OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1973

REF: STATE 5546

NAIROBI FOR PETER FLANIGAN AND JOHN HENNESSY

1. MURPHY AND WALSH PHONED ME THIS AM TO PROVIDE LATEST INFO ON  
THEIR DECISION AND TO GET LOCAL REACTION. I TOLD THEM LA PRENSA  
HAD PUBLISHED TONED DOWN VERSION OF NEW YORK PRESS STATEMENT BUT  
THAT AFP STORY HAD USED SOME OF THEIR STRONGER LANGUAGE. THERE  
WAS NO MENTION OF "BAD FAITH" OR OF ITEM ON LIMA HOUSING (PARA 10  
STATE 189587). MURPHY SAID DEPARTMENT REPS WITH WHOM HE AND WALSH  
TALKED YESTERDAY HAD NOT BEEN TOO HAPPY WITH CERRO'S PROPOSED  
ACTION, BUT THAT WHITE HOUSE CONTACTS MORE RECEPTIVE. I SAID I  
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WAS SURE STATE'S REACTION AT LEAST PARTIALLY BASED ON

UNFORTUNATE TIMING VIS-A-VIS GREENE VISIT. MURPHY THEN SAID THEY HAD NO CHOICE IN VIEW GOP DEMAND FOR \$11 MILLION LETTER OF CREDIT (NOT 8 AS REPORTED MY 7021) AND CERRO'S OUTSTANDING CHECK FOR \$3.5 MILLION.

2. WALSH SAID THEY HAD DECIDED INCUR NO MORE DEMURRAGE ON VESSELS IN CALLAO AND THEY WOULD BE "LET GO" TODAY. CERRO HERE CONFIRMS. MURPHY ADDED THAT ALL CERRO CORP. SUPPLY SHIPMENTS TO PERU NOW ON CASH IN ADVANCE BASIS.

3. WE EXPECT STRONG PUBLIC REACTION FROM GOVERNMENT AFTER TODAY'S COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING. WHETHER THIS INCLUDES SOME IMMEDIATE AND DIRECT ACTION AGAINST COMPANY IS OPEN TO QUESTION IN VIEW MEETINGS SCHEDULED TOMORROW TO DISCUSS OVERALL INVESTMENT PROBLEMS.

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